



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 22-0235

Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Returning Agency

Sheriff's Office

Committee: Ways and Means  
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello

Hearing Date: June 21, 2022

Time (Beginning): 10:05 AM  
Time (Ending): 11:55 AM  
Location: Council Chambers  
Total Attendance: Approximately 55

Committee Members in Attendance:

Eric T. Costello                      Danielle McCray  
Ryan Dorsey                            Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer  
Sharon Green Middleton

Excused Absence: Kristerfer Burnett

Bill Synopsis in the file? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Agency reports read? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Final vote taken.....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- John Anderson, Sheriff

## Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Costello asked Sheriff Anderson if it would be alright for him to chair the meeting because he would be voting for another candidate for Sheriff. Sheriff Anderson said he did not have a problem with him chairing the hearing.
2. The committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, asked for clarification, and etc. Some highlights of same were:

- **Eviction Notices**

- Clarification was sought regarding posting the notices on the actual apartment door versus posting it on the building.
  - Per Sheriff Anderson: They follow statutory procedures for same. A change of procedures would have to go before the General Assembly. We also must follow the orders of the Courts.
  - A member of his Office talked about the processes used for posting conviction notices
  - Concern: People are missing their court dates because of the way notices are posted!
  - Can the public go on your website or any other website to get needed information? **Answer: No**
  - Doesn't the landlord give you a key or code to buildings? **Answer: No**
  - Is there anything about the Attorney General's opinion that you don't agree with? **Answer: We go to the Courts for direction**
- Are you violating people's privacy by placing the notice(s) in a common area?
- **Requested by Member Torrence: Provide some suggested language for changing the law for posting these notices**

- **Evictions**

- Once a notice is placed on a door it becomes public information so what does it matter if a landlord or the tenant calls to get information?
- Which office or department can you call regarding evictions?
  - Do you know how these agencies give out information regarding evictions?
  - This is public information that you are being selected about who to give information too!
- Photograph of Eviction Notices
  - Can you commit to sending photos to the Council moving forward?  
**Answer: Yes**

- **Eviction Notices/Rent Notices**

- Do you get written opinions from the Judges, and if so can you get it?
  - **Requested by Chairman Costello: Can you send a request to the judge today and send me a copy of the response?**

- **Landlords**

- Concern: Landlords not being properly licensed
- Do you check to see if landlords have licenses? **Answer: No, that is the responsibility of Rent Court/District Court**
- Needed repairs must be completed or payment held up; not given to landlords!

- **Wiretaps**

- Talk about the process

- **Forfeiture Assets**

- Requested by Member Torrence: Would like to hold a follow-up meeting to discuss these assets

- **Staffing/Duties/Positions**

- Court Security Officers versus Deputy Sheriffs
  - What are their roles and/or responsibilities?
  - Is there a pay difference? Answer: Yes
  - Are they civil service positions: Answer: Deputy Sheriffs are State employees; CSO are civil service city employees
  - How many Deputy Sheriffs are providing security at the Courts?
  - Have you thought about using Bailiffs instead due to staffing shortages?

- **Warrants**

- How many warrants go unserved each month? Answer: Approximately 45
- What is the backlog?
- What many warrants in your backlog are for violent offenders?
- Are warrants for violent offenders prioritized?
- How old is the oldest outstanding warrant?
- Do you have a warrant control unit?
- Requested by Member Conway: Provide the date(s) for how far your backlog goes back

- How is your relationship with the Baltimore City Police Department?

3. Hearing called to recess.

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### Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes  No

If yes, describe. If yes, describe. Yes, see "red and yellow" highlights in Major Issues Discussed.

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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: June 30, 2022

cc: Bill File  
OCS Electronic File



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Date: <b>Tuesday, June 21, 2022</b>	Time: 10:00 AM
Location: <b>Council Chambers</b>	

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				For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
John	Anderson	Sheriff's office					
Jerrad	Martin	100 North Calvert St Sheriff Office					
Janic	Fikes	Sheriff Office					
Avry	Bell	"/ " "					
JASON	GRUZS	" "					
HENRY	MARTIN	" "					
Jacqueline	Ware	" "					

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COAR	SAM	Sam@samcoar.com					
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# City of Baltimore

City Council  
City Hall, Room 408  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Ways and Means

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Tuesday, June 21, 2022

10:00 AM

Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall

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22-0235 - Sheriff's Office

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

**Present** 5 - Eric T. Costello, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, and Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer  
**Excused** 1 - Kristerfer Burnett  
**Absent** 1 - Robert Stokes Sr.

#### **ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

22-0235

#### **Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023**

For the purpose of providing the appropriations estimated to be needed by each agency of the City of Baltimore for operating programs and capital projects during the Fiscal 2023 year.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

Hearing recessed.

#### **RETURNING AGENCY - SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**